IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 27 OF 2004

Shameer Carvalho,
Central Jail Aguada,
Sinquerim, Goa. ... Petitioner.

versus

State of Goa,
through Public Prosecutor. ... Respondent.

Mr. John Lobo, Advocate under the Legal Aid Scheme for the Petitioner.

Mr. A. N. S. Nadkarni, Advocate General with Mr. S. N. Sardessai, Public Prosecutor for the Respondent.

CORAM : P. V. HARDAS &
N. A. BRITTO,JJ.

DATE : 24TH AUGUST,2004

ORAL JUDGMENT(PER P.V.HARDAS,J.)

Rule made returnable forthwith. With the consent of learned Counsel for the parties, this Petition is taken up for final hearing at the stage of Admission.

2. The grievance of the Petitioner in this Petition is that a telephone booth has been installed in the Central Prisons at Aguada and the foreigners are allowed to use the facility of either receiving telephone calls or making telephone calls either to their friends and relatives and such facility is denied

to the local convicts. In passing, we may refer that the Petitioner, who was undergoing a sentence of default of fine has paid the amount of fine and has been since released from the prison.

3. Mr. A. N. S. Nadkarni, learned Advocate General states that within ten days from today, the State Government would take necessary decision and examine whether to allow the local convicts the use of the telephone booth in the Central Prison, Aguada and if necessary, the Government may amend the rules in that behalf.

4. In view of this, according to us, nothing survives for consideration and the Petition is accordingly disposed off with no order as to costs. Rule discharged.

P. V. HARDAS, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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